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Remarks/Arguments

I. Status of the Claims

In the final Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-32 are pending and rejected claims 1-4, 6-9, 11-19, 23-25 and 28-32 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). The Examiner, however, indicated in the final Office Action that claims 21 and 22 are allowed.

In addition, the Examiner indicated in the Advisory action that claims 5, 10, 20, 26 and 27 are allowed.

To expedite prosecution of the present application, this Supplemental Amendment cancels all of the non-allowed claims, i.e., claims 1-4, 6-9, 11-19, 23-25 and 28-32. These claims are canceled without prejudice to prosecute them in a continuation application. The remaining claims, i.e., claims 5, 10, 20-22, 26 and 27, were collectively indicated as allowed in final Office Action and the Advisory Action.

Allowed claims 5, 10, 20-22, 26 and 27 are the only claims pending in the present application.

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II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing comments and amendments, the Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims (i.e., claims 5, 10, 20-22, 26 and 27) are allowed and that the present application should be passed to issue.

It is respectfully submitted that this Supplemental Amendment places the present application in condition for immediate allowance. If a conference would be of value in expediting the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby encouraged to telephone the undersigned counsel at (847) 462-1937 to arrange for such a conference.

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